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SUBJECT: Design Standards for Accessibility to Disabled Persons

Reference: AF/CE Ltr, 7 Nov 94, Design Standards for Accessibility to Disabled Persons

This letter further clarifies guidance for application of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, concerning the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) exclusions in the renovation of existing facilities and new construction. This is interim guidance pending revision of AFI 32-1023, Design and Construction Standards and Execution of Facility Construction Project.

We are establishing an Air Force policy that the UFAS Military Exclusion (Par 4.1.4) shall be applied only to functional areas within facilities which are exclusively used by able-bodied military personnel. Areas with expected public visitation or non-military employment shall comply with Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) or the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards, whichever is more stringent.

Copies of the UFAS and ADAAG criteria are available from the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, (202) 272-5434. Copies of the Title II Technical Assistance Manual, which explains differences between the two standards, are available from the Department of Justice, (202) 514-0301. The Air Force POC for design standards for accessibility to disabled persons is Mr. Robert J. Fitzsimmons, HQ AFCEE/DGA, DSN 240-4236, or (210) 536-4236, or FAX 240-5981 or (210) 536-5981.

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